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tics." Among the strong writers represented are Gladstone, Goldwin, Smith, Blackie, Freeman, Kossuth, and others, and the papers generally are such as deserve permanent record. They also add to their Economic Monographs, which are having quite a sale, a pamphlet on "Our Revenue System and the Civil Service," by Abr. L. Earle, and an informing discussion in favor of "Free Ships," by Capt. Codman, a well-known correspondent of the *Evening Post*.

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THE SPRING TRADE SALE.

THE spring trade sale of 1878 promises to be one of the most important ever held during that season. The preliminary sale of Wednesday, April 3d, will include no less than a hundred and fifty sets of plates, offered by both the Osgood and Houghton houses in view of their consolidation, besides important remainders. The first day of the sale proper, Thursday, will be taken up entirely with the invoice of Houghton, Osgood & Co. Among the second day's contributors will be Lippincott, a general invoice; Little, Brown & Co.; Cassell; Estes & Lauriat, and Widdleton. The third day will include Roberts, a large invoice; Claxton, Routledge, Putnam, and De Silver, also a large invoice. The fourth day's sale will open the new week with Appleton, Sheldon, and a large invoice from Stoddard. The fifth day will include Lockwood, Brooks & Co., some heavy lines; the two Scribner houses, Lee & Shepard, and Worthington. The sixth, Merriam, Harper, Peterson, for the first time since 1868; and a clearance sale of all the Harding stock, in view of the consolidation with Holman. The seventh and last day, Thursday, April 11th, will be a general "field day," including several clearance and remainder invoices. There will be no special Catholic sale.

It is worth noting, as highly creditable to the trade, that the large number and amount of notes issued for the fall trade sale falling due in January and February were, without exception, paid at date.

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DETROIT.—The firm of J. M. Arnold & Co. was, by mutual consent, dissolved, Mr. C. H. Gaston retiring, and J. M. Arnold assuming all assets of the late firm. A new firm has been formed, which took effect January 1st, consisting of John M. Arnold & Jno. Willyoung. J. M. Arnold personally retains, and will settle at maturity, all liabilities of the former business.

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PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."—LORD BACON.

BOOK-TRADE HISTORY.

THE American book trade is not without a history, which dates from the commencement of printing in English America, in 1609, when the Rev. Mr. Glover and others established presses at Cambridge for printing Bibles for the Indians and other good books. An existing Philadelphia firm can go back to 1738, when Christopher Saur, Sr., established himself at Germantown, and soon after commenced printing his almanacs and his German Bible. But the materials for any written history are hard enough to find, and the trade should take pride and pains, before too many years slip by, in collecting and recording, as far as possible, such material for its future historian.

Such general histories as Thomas's, of Printing in America, and Hudson's, of Journalism, give incidentally much information about the book-trade, and other is to be found in the files of the journals, especially Col. Norton's *Literary Gazette*, and Childs's *Publishers' Circular*. The *Evening Post's* articles on "The Book-makers" (1874-'75) gave many facts, but not always with absolute accuracy. There exists in Boston a ms. history of the New England book-trade; but it is by no means certain that this, the work of a veteran bookseller, now dead, will ever be permitted to see the light. The columns of the WEEKLY have contained many articles bearing on the general subject: the Harper paper in the last ANNUAL contributed some material, but its preparation served to show the great difficulty of attaining full data, even in the case of individual houses. Mr. D. B. Cooke's interesting reminiscences, contributed to the WEEKLY in 1876, served a good purpose, although several slight lapses, as has been pointed out by the trade in other

cities, naturally occurred in regard to the trade in localities other than Chicago.

This material, even in the total, does not seem, however, to give an adequate idea of the full history of the American book trade even within the present generation, and we propose to ask the co-operation of the trade in collecting such material, not with any design of present use for an actual history, but for record. Several prominent members of the trade have already promised to write out their personal reminiscences for us, "when they get some leisure," and we trust to make them an interesting feature of the WEEKLY during the year. We invite such personal reminiscences from our friends generally, as well as any data which will prove of interest or usefulness in this connection.

AN interesting letter kindly furnished by Mr. Bicknell gives the facts as to a successful mutual benefit association in Western Massachusetts, which afford encouragement to the project in our own trade. We are informed that there are now existent fifty-nine successful organizations of the kind, and, as an example of cost, it is stated that the payment in maintenance of an insurance of \$4400 in the Syracuse Association was just \$22 per member in 1877. We have a number of documents and reports on the subject in our hands, from which we may be able hereafter to present further facts to our readers. Meanwhile, let there be expressions of opinion from those interested, and a talk over the matter, perhaps, at trade-sale time. There is a plan now on foot of organizing the association on the ten-year plan—that is, of making an insurance limited to ten years.

COMMUNICATIONS.

"SUBSCRIBER" ON RETAILING ENTERPRISE.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 26, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

Allow me again to repeat my hope that the publishers will continue "to get at the public," otherwise the number of books bought must surely grow less and less. Your "Veteran Retailer" has made a slight mistake: it is the buyers who are tired of kicking against the pricks of the supineness and incompetency of the retailers. The question of discount affects but a small number of the buyers who are sighing for bookstores where they can have their wants supplied in a reliable, intelligent manner. For this they are more than willing to pay.

Over three weeks ago, I was about writing to the publishers for two current magazines, when a friend offered to order them at a bookstore on his way down-town. My letters would have brought them by return mail. As it is, I have not yet received them. To be sure, the middleman said yesterday "he thought

they would yet come." What right has this retailer to complain of publishers reaching the public?

That there might be no mistake or excuse as to two books I needed, I took the number of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, with the required books marked in the Weekly Record, to a bookseller I wished to befriend. I waited and waited, making frequent calls, until, at last, I was told "can't be had." Then I brought the WEEKLY home, wrote my two letters, enclosing the money, and received the books by return mail. Afterwards I took the books to the "Veteran Retailer," being really curious to have some explanation, but could only extract "very strange." Who has a right in this to talk about kicking against the pricks? And what is to become of us, if we are cut off from the publishers? SUBSCRIBER.

March 4.—Here is the sequel to the communication I sent you last week. On sending today for my unfortunate magazines, the suicidal retailer thought it would be better, on the whole, for me to order them for myself, as I had the address. SUBSCRIBER.

THE MUTUAL INSURANCE PLAN.

[MR. A. J. BICKNELL hands us the following letter, called out by his note published in the WEEKLY, which gives several interesting suggestions as the result of actual experience.—ED. P. W.]

W. CUMMINGTON, MASS., Feb. 23, 1878.

The most satisfactorily conducted organization that I know of the kind is the Western Massachusetts Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Springfield, Mass. Every one that is in it is perfectly satisfied with its workings. The membership is limited to 2500, and on the death of any member, each of the association pays in one dollar and ten cents, and twenty-five hundred dollars is immediately paid over to the family by the treasurer. In many cases, the money has been paid out of funds on hand before the burial, even, of the deceased member.

When the association was started, each member under forty years of age paid in three dollars entrance-fee, and those over forty paid in excess a dollar a year for every year they were over forty. The entrance-fee is higher now, but the rush to get into the association is so great in proportion to the deaths, that applicants have often had to wait two years. The entrance and excess-of-age fees form the cash fund on hand, and the ten cents from each member extra at each death has more than paid the expenses, and also swelled the fund on hand. Hale and hearty men between sixty and seventy years of age have been offered lately \$1500 for their policies.

To me it seems that the wonderful success and strength of the association are due to a rigid adherence to the original limit of membership of 2500; and to its policy of letting its funds lay in the hands and pockets of its members, instead of accumulating a large fund in its treasury, to be squandered in fat salaries, invested in magnificent buildings, or loaned on doubtful securities. Its officers are paid fairly and are men of undoubted integrity, and they furnish heavy bonds for the funds in the treasury. Its business is done by printed postal-

cards, and, in fact, the utmost economy is observed in all its details. In short, it is arranged so that the only benefit of being its executive officer is fair pay for the work performed and the honor of being trusted and chosen.

In conclusion, let me urge upon you my views that you avoid the accumulation of a large fund in the treasury of the association, the management of which would surely become a rich plum to be fought for, to be bought and paid for, to be managed in the interests of a ring which will always form around a full treasury of any association of men.

L. E. B.

OBITUARY.

J. H. BUTLER.

MR. JONATHAN H. BUTLER, of the school-book publishing firm of J. H. Butler & Co., 723 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, died at his residence in Northampton, Mass., on Sunday night, March 10th, of paralysis. The deceased was in the seventy-third year of his age, and was born in Northampton. He became engaged in the book-publishing trade at that place, when quite a young man, with his father, under the firm name of Simeon Butler & Son. In 1850 he removed to Philadelphia, and became a member of the firm of Thomas Cowperthwait & Co., publishers, where he remained for about three years, when the firm name was changed to Cowperthwait, De Silver & Butler. In 1855 the firm was dissolved, and the deceased returned to Northampton and was chosen president of the Northampton Bank. He was also treasurer of Northampton County for three or four years. In 1868 he again went to Philadelphia and entered the school-book publishing business with the firm of E. H. Butler & Co., thus forming the firm of J. H. Butler & Co. The deceased had been suffering from paralysis for the past four years, and had been confined to his bed since last August, when he suffered his last stroke.

LIST OF SELECT FICTION.

THE *Literary World* gives the following brief list of recent works of fiction, with names of authors and publishers, which it confidently recommends to libraries and the public generally as entertaining, of good literary quality, and wholesome in tone:

Lil. Mrs. Featherstonehaugh.	Lippincott.
The Cross above the Crescent. Southgate.	"
What a Boy! Willis.	"
The Queen of Sheba. Aldrich.	Osgood.
The Story of Avis. Phelps.	"
Spirite. Gautier.	Appleton.
Samuel Brohl & Co. Cherbuliez.	"
Gerard's Marriage. Theuriot.	"
Nimpor. Anon.	Lockwood, Brooks & Co.
G. T. T. Hale.	Roberts Brothers.
A Woman-Hater. Reade.	Harpers.
Coronation. Tenney.	Noyes, Snow & Co.
Afterglow. Anon.	Roberts Brothers.
Marmorne. Anon.	"
A Family Feud. From the German.	Lippincott.
Too Rich. Anon.	"
That Lass o' Lowrie's. Burnett.	Scribner.
A Winter Story. Miss Peard.	Roberts Brothers.
Friend Fritz. Erckmann-Chatrian.	Scribner.
The American Senator. Trollope.	Harpers.
The White Cross and Dove of Pearls.	Crowell.
From Hand to Mouth. Douglass.	Lee & Shepard.

BOOK NOTICES.

ETERNAL HOPE, by the Rev. Frederic W. Farrar. (Dutton.) These sermons, five in number, preached by the Rev. Frederic Farrar, in Westminster Abbey, during November and December of 1877, in the regular course of his duties, excited so much discussion and comment at the time, and were so misrepresented by friends and enemies, that to allay all further talk he felt called upon to give them to the public. As they were never intended for publication, they are of course not exhaustive of the subjects of which they treat—as "What Heaven is," "Is Life Worth Living?" "Hell—What it is not," "Are there few that be saved?" "Earthly and Future Consequences of Sin," but that they fully and unmistakably set forth the reverend author's views, on a point that just now is an absorbing one with all classes, a careful reading will show. He has been accused of having "denied the existence of hell," but he only rejects the common view of the future of the impenitent sinner. He does not believe that at death an irreversible doom to endless tortures, either material or mental, is passed upon him; he thinks a chance will be given us, even in another world, to be "what we might have been," to progress towards the Godhead and cast off forever the garments of sin. The consequences of unrepented sin both in this world and the next are very plainly stated, and while he believes it will find a punishment, he does not pretend to define that punishment; as from his interpretation of certain biblical passages, he finds no authority for any details. Many notes and appendices add to the interest of the volume, which is a very beautifully written one. 12mo, cloth, \$1.

CHOICE READINGS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENTS, arranged for the exercises of the school, college, and public reader, with elocutionary advice, edited by Robert McLain Cumnock, A.M. (Jansen, McC. & Co.) The editor of this work, Prof. Cumnock, is professor of rhetoric and elocution in the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., and is well known as a reader and elocutionist in the principal towns and cities of our Northern States. He seems specially fitted for the difficult task of selecting from the great mass of English poetical and prose literature such pieces as are really gems and at the same time are suitable for reading aloud or declaiming. He has been wonderfully successful in the present volume in his selections, as they seem to illustrate every emotion of the mind—pathos, passion, humor, etc., etc.—besides offering the very choicest reading it has ever been our good fortune to find under one cover. The volume is a thick one of 426 pages, and contains nearly 200 gems of poetry and prose, taken from classical and modern English literature. They are divided into classes, as, Solemnity, Pathos, Severity, Beauty, Love, Gayety, Honor, Grandeur and Sublimity, Oratory, Martial Passion, Narrative, Descriptive and Didactic Style, each class being prefaced by brief but very charming instructions from the editor. We can recommend the book highly to every one. It is a most delightful reader, and a most valuable book of reference. No lover of choice reading should be without it. 12mo, cloth, \$1.75.

BIBLIOTHECA AMERICANA. 1878. (Robert Clarke & Co.) This catalogue of books relat-

ing to America is considerably larger than the last one issued by Messrs. Clarke & Co., in 1876, which met, however, with a wide appreciation and a most flattering reception. Collectors of rare books on this subject will seek even more eagerly for this work, which, besides being fuller, is so classified as to be much more convenient for consultation. It represents probably the largest and most varied collection of books of this class, in booksellers' hands, in this country or Europe. The 6887 volumes recorded may be found in Messrs. Clarke & Co.'s stock, or at least could be three months ago, when the manuscript was completed; of course, since then some of the books, of which only single copies were in stock, have been sold, while others have been duplicated, and others, again, newly added. The catalogue of the very valuable historical publications of this house is also bound in the book, making altogether a large octavo of 326 pages. Libraries, private buyers, and the trade will do well to send for this catalogue, if they do not already possess it. They will find it an invaluable aid in filling out their lists of books wanted. Paper, 50 cents.

FOREIGN CLASSICS FOR ENGLISH READERS, edited by Mrs. Oliphant. PASCAL, by Rev. Principal Tulloch. (Lippincott.) This will be found a fuller and more connected account of the life and writings of Pascal than has yet appeared in the English language, the author having availed himself of all sources known for obtaining information, the memoirs, published in Paris, 1845, and written by his sister and niece, being the chief work from which his facts were gained, although the researches of Cousin and Sainte-Beuve have brought to light also many new points, of which he freely makes use. Pascal, celebrated in literature, science, and religion in his own time, has become a classic in modern literature. Few names are more respected, and few less known, outside of his writings, by the generality of readers. Hence this work, with a popular account of his family and youth, his scientific discoveries, his worldly career, and his final self-immurement at Port Royal, with a brief analysis of the "Provincial Letters" and the "Pensées," should meet with a very favorable and extended reception. 12mo, cloth, \$1.

LLOYD PENNANT, by Ralph Neville, Esq. (Kelly, Piet & Co.) This is an Irish story of the year 1796. Many graphic scenes of the rebellion, some very humorous and others exceedingly touching, form a background for a very pretty love story. The love story, however, occupies but a small portion of the book, the rest being taken up with all kinds of exciting adventures by land and sea. The book is very well written and unusually readable. The same house has just issued, for the Lenten season, the "Meditations" of Saint Francis de Sales and "The Way of the Cross," being a series of designs, reduced by N. H. J. Westlake, from large cartoons in the Church of St. Francis, Notting Hill, representing the progress of Christ to the cross, and intended, with the appropriate prayers which accompany them, to serve for reflection in performing the devotion known by the title given to this little book; also, a new "History of Maryland," prepared by W. H. Browne and J. T. Scharf, for the use of schools, a very handsome volume as regards the print, paper, and illustrations.

BETWEEN THE GATES, by Benj. F. Taylor. (Griggs & Co.) Mr. Taylor is one of the brightest and most popular of Western writers of both prose and verse. He is the author of "Songs of Yesterday," "Old-Time Pictures," "World on Wheels," etc. In this volume he gives an account of a summer spent in California. He nowhere deals with dry facts or statistics, but gives, in the glowing, picturesque language habitual to him, vivid pictures of all he saw. This book is a delightful one, both poetical and humorous, and full of sunshine and cheerfulness. One travels with him in spirit in the overland train, sees all the wonders of the Plain, of the mountains and valleys; lands in San Francisco, goes out into the busy streets, recognizes the "Heathen Chinee," the "Hoodlum," and all the other strange figures he describes; visits the Chinese quarter, smokes an opium pipe; examines the mint; and spends many a delightful day in the valley of Yosemite, and regretfully follows home his returning footsteps. 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

THE CONQUEST OF NEW MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA, by P. St. Geo. Cooke. (Putnam.) Gen. Cooke offers here the first historical narrative of the conquests of New Mexico and California. The narrative is a personal one, and full of interesting facts. The author says, in his preface, "The conquerors were for a year almost beyond communication with government or countrymen, and these were wholly interested in the battles in Mexico; and thus it happened that a few soldiers and sailors, without sympathy or applause, achieved the only permanent fruits of the war. This obscurity, and the remoteness of responsibility, led also to criminal intrigues, as well as to patriotic sacrifices; and the time has come to give the world a connected and permanent record." 12mo, cloth, \$1.50.

STATIONERY NOTES.

L. L. HIGGINS has taken charge of the wholesale department of the Tower Manufacturing Company.

F. H. DUNKINSON & Co. have sold out to Samuel Raynor & Co., who are now owners of the Pure Irish Linen and Imperial Irish Linen papers, and will keep full lines of these goods.

KAUFMANN & Co. have introduced for the Easter season a novelty in the shape of an egg, manufactured of a composition which has the color, lightness, and translucence of the genuine article. The egg is prettily decorated, and makes quite an ornament for the *étagère* or mantel.

C. P. MARKLE & SON's paper mill, located at West Newton, Pa., with its stock and valuable machinery, was destroyed by fire on March 1st. The fire, it is said, originated in the rag-room, and is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. The loss is about \$100,000, which is covered by insurance to the amount of \$47,000.

THE AMERICAN PAPETERIE COMPANY, combining the papeterie business of the Morgan Envelope Company and Powers Paper Company, of Springfield, and the Plympton Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, has been organized. E. Morgan is president and treasurer; the directors consist of E. Morgan, L. J. Powers, and L. B. Plympton, and R. W. Day is chairman.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

EDGAR FAWCETT's new novel, "Rutherford," will be published as a serial story in the *Library Table*, beginning immediately.

THE Rev. R. W. Dale's promised papers on "America," in *The Nineteenth Century*, open, in the March issue, with a discussion of our "Society and Politics."

IN the March number of the *Magazine of American History* (Barnes) is a paper by Mr. J. C. Brevoort which comprises a critical investigation of the question, "Where are the Remains of Columbus?"

THE associated publishers and booksellers of Leipsic resolved last year to publish an *Archiv für die Geschichte des deutschen Buchhandels*. The first number of this *Archiv* has just appeared, with a number of documents and papers of great variety and interest.

THE Index of Volume XV. of *Scribner's Magazine* is enlarged to eight pages in the April number, now including the illustrations; this is partly on account of an increase of material in the numbers, and partly in obedience to the public demand for more minute indexing. The magazine is now seven and a half years old.

THE *Atlantic* for April will print the first of a new series of papers on Americanisms, by Richard Grant White, a second posthumous paper by Gideon Welles, both legacies from *The Galaxy*; a study of "April Days," from Thoreau's journal; papers by Henry James, Jr., Aldrich, Howells, and poems by Stedman, "H. H.," and others.

COL. HORATIO C. KING, one of the most energetic of publishers, has withdrawn from his post as publisher for the *Christian Union* to take charge of *The Orpheus*, which will hitherto be known also in its sub-title as *King's Journal of Music*, and be published monthly at \$1 per year by the new firm of King & Smith, 24 Beekman Street. Col. King is just the man to make it a success, musically and financially.

A SERIES of very valuable papers from the pen of Mr. Alfred Walker, of New Haven, will begin in *Harper's Bazar* for March 30th. They are entitled, "Hints to Women on the Care of Property," and will treat of business matters from the simplest rudiments to the more complicated affairs, omitting nothing that can be of any use or information concerning all details of which women who have the care of business or property may be required to have accurate knowledge.

THE April *Scribner's* will be an unusually brilliant number. Among its good things may be noted Bret Harte's new story, "Two Saints of the Foot-hills," said to be written in the old vein; illustrated articles on the phonograph and telephone, by Mr. George B. Prescott, electrician of the Western Union Company, with cuts of the Reiss, Gray, Bell, Dolbear, and Edison telephones, and of Edison's and Phelps' phonographs; and on "The Thousand Isles," written and illustrated by Howard Pyle, including a picture of Dr. Holland's "Bonnie Castle." A new department, "Communications," will contain Mr. Noah Brooks' fresh anecdotes of Lincoln. A paper on women's reading, by "Mary Blake," will be found well worthy attention.

THE *Princeton Review*, under the new vigor given it by Mr. Libbey, is making remarkable strides forward. In its present bimonthly shape it is still issued at \$2 per year, 35 cents per number, and the thirty-five cents' worth for March comprises fourteen articles, most varied in subject, covering over 350 pages, and including such writers as Chief-Justice Cooley, of Michigan; President Chadbourne, Prof. A. A. Hodge, Dr. John Hall, Dr. Spear, Prof. Atwater, Prof. Bowen, Prof. Alexander, Bishop Coxe (an Episcopalian intruder), Dr. Hickok, and President McCosh. The Presbyterians are peculiarly favored in having so enterprising a representative of their religious views.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

HENRY HOLT & Co. have just ready George Lewes' "On Actors and the Art of Acting," in their Amateur Series.

"CLERICUS," of the *Christian Union*, is preparing a book on "Conditional Immortality," with the title, "The Theological Trilemma."

D. APPLETON & Co. have in press a "Latin Speaker," containing dialogues and other selections in the Latin language for recitation, compiled by President Sewall of Urbana University.

HENRY HOYT & Co., of Boston, publish a duodecimo edition of Hesba Stretton's new story, "Through a Needle's Eye," with seven illustrations, for \$1.50.

THE second volume of the revised library issue of Mr. J. R. Green's "History of the English People" is already in press at Harper & Brothers'.

ONE free pass will be supplied to each exhibitor at the Paris Exposition, to secure which duplicate photographs, not more than 5 by 2½ inches in size, must be filed with Commissioner-General McCormick.

WE have from M. Eugene Lacroix the prospectus of a supplement to his works on the Paris Exhibition of 1867 and the Exhibitions at Vienna and Philadelphia, in the shape of "Études sur l'Exposition de 1878." The first number will appear on the 1st of April.

HELEN HUNT's "Bits of Travel in Europe" have charmed hosts of readers, who will be glad to learn that Roberts Brothers are to publish this spring a similar book of hers, "Bits of Travel at Home," describing picturesque tours and grand sights in Colorado and California.

"THE Bible for Learners" is to be the title of the three-volume work which Roberts Brothers will shortly publish. It has been translated from the Dutch by Rev. Philip H. Wicksteed, the successor of Dr. James Martineau at London.

THE former prices of Dr. Sears' books were incorrectly stated last week. "The Heart of Christ" has been reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.50; "Sermons and Songs," from \$2 to \$1.25, and "Christ in the Life," from \$1.75 to \$1.25. But no mistake was made in speaking of the books themselves as remarkably good.

PROFESSOR MOSES COIT TYLER has nearly completed the first volume of his "History of American Literature," to be issued by G. P. Putnam's Sons, and a part of the ms. is in the printer's hands. This volume covers "The Colonial Period," 1607-1765, and is so far complete in itself.

ROBERTS BROS. have hit on the capital title of "Rococo" for their "No Name" volume of original and hitherto unpublished poetry by the best of our poets. It promises to be a work of great literary interest. Not only American but English poets will contribute to this new guessing game of authors.

MACMILLAN & Co. call attention to their common-sense pamphlets by that clear-headed authority, Dr. B. W. Richardson, of which the new one is his address on "The Future of Sanitary Science," and the others, "Hygeia; a City of Health," and "On Alcohol," six lectures, giving a remarkable summary of the subject.

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & Co. have just issued a new and revised edition of their "Classified Catalogue of Medical Books." This neat little manual is one of great utility to the trade at large, having the publishers' names affixed, and the latest correction in prices. They are supplied to the trade in quantities with imprint, at comparatively small cost.

A BOOK is in preparation which is to give a full description of the domestic life of the birds of this country; to contain pictures of their nests and eggs; and to be issued in twenty-four parts, one each month, from the Naturalists' Agency, Salem, Mass. Mr. Ernest Ingersoll, the writer of this work, is said to bring to it peculiar fitness.

J. CHURCH & Co. have just published "House of Rechab," by A. C. Guttererson, a new temperance cantata in two acts. The scene is laid in Jerusalem, 588 years B.C. The incidents are derived from the Bible, and present strong arguments in favor of total abstinence. Full directions for representation and costuming accompany the work, which is sold at \$1 per copy.

HARPER & BROTHERS send out this week a new novel by a popular writer, "By Proxy," by Jas. Payn, author of "Won—not Wooded," and another, "By Celia's Arbor," by the author of "Ready-Money Mortiboy;" a new volume of their Greek and Latin texts, six of "Plato's Dialogues;" and in the "Half-Hour Series," Mr. Eugene Lawrence's summary of English Literature in the Romance period, and a story, "David's Little Lad," by L. T. Meade.

IN the New York Assembly, March 1st, Mr. Lynde introduced a bill providing that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction may purchase for the use of public schools of the State copyrights of grammars, arithmetics, geographies, etc., and in case he does not deem any of the books now published fully up to a high standard of excellence, he may appoint a commission to prepare such books as he may deem advisable for use in public schools.

"PHILOCHRISTUS," a new English book, promised in a few weeks by Roberts Brothers, purports to be the story of Christ's ministry as told by a disciple who not only believed in him but understood him and appreciated the divine "enthusiasm of humanity" which inspired his words and his works. The book is dedicated to the author of "Ecce Homo," who endorses it as a book of peculiar value and interest.

THE creditors of Messrs. Hadley Brothers held a second meeting on Wednesday, 13th, at the call of the committee. Mr. Jas. S. Oakley,

who had gone to Chicago to represent the committee, had reported by letter that the business could not be carried on without considerable new capital, but if that could be obtained, it would be desirable to let the house go on. It was decided to give the firm three days' grace to obtain fresh capital and go on, and otherwise to wind up affairs through bankruptcy process.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS print a letter in the *Nation* of March 7th, explaining the reissue of Godwin's Cyclopaedia of Biography, in answer to a previous communication from Mr. Godwin. The Cyclopaedia in question has been for years printed with his name, which makes its distinctive trade name; though he has had to do with none of its several revisions. Special care was taken in the new edition to bring out the fact that he was not responsible for the later work.

MRS. LYDIA MARIA CHILD, now a very aged lady, says the *Tribune*, but still in the possession of a mind as bright and clear as ever it was, has for years been collecting the wise sayings of all nations, from the earliest to the latest times, illustrative of the fact that, independent of creeds, there has been, and there is, a universal faith in the existence of one Supreme Being, toward whom all human aspirations are directed. "Aspirations of the World" is the title of Mrs. Child's book, which Messrs. Roberts Brothers have on their presses.

MR. NOYES has now carried work on his admirable Catalogue of the Brooklyn Mercantile Library through the 700th page (letter L); it is expected that the first 800 pages, through O, will be completed in time to publish the second part during the summer. The entire work will cover about 1100 pages. This catalogue is really among the best, if not the best, existing general guide to classes of literature, including that hidden away in periodicals, and at \$6 for the entire work, or \$2 for the part already issued (A-C., including the important classes Biography, Biblical Literature,

and Countries), costs so little, and is of so much use outside its local constituency, that every small library will find it pay to keep the work on its delivery-desk for consultation by its readers, every bookseller on his counter for the information of his customers, and every owner of a private library or general reader on his library table for its convenience as an index and working tool.

FRIEDRICH BODENSTEDT is engaged in translating the poems of Omar Khayyam.

The "Dickens Dictionary," a well-known American work, published by Houghton, Osgood & Co., has been reproduced in London, at the instance of Mr. Charles Dickens, Jr.

M. LIARD, the French philosophical writer, is about to publish a book on "Contemporary English Logicians." It will deal specially with formal logic.

SWINBURNE is to collect his published and unpublished translations of François Villon into a volume, to which he will probably prefix a critical study on that poet.

A VOLUME of the late Dr. Doran's descriptive writings will be made up by Chatto & Windus from the *Athenaeum*.

MR. ANTHONY TROLLOPE's work on "South Africa," which is nearly ready abroad, will fill two large octavo volumes.

THE death is announced of Mr. Basil Montagu Pickering, the well-known London publisher, who died February 8th, at the comparatively early age of forty-two.

PROF. MATHEWS' "Getting on in the World" is in its thirty-eighth edition in this country. It is published in three rival editions in London, and a translation is in press in Sweden.

It has been decided that there shall be no separate publication of Mr. Cobden's correspondence, but much of it will be included by Mr. John Morley in his biography of the deceased statesman.

BOOKS WANTED.

G. M. ELLIOTT, 48 CENTRAL ST., LOWELL, MASS.
Vols. 1 and 2 Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.
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